

member of the NAACP, helping found the Detroit NAACP's Freedom Fund Dinner which raises money annually for its many worthwhile goals and is one of the largest gatherings in the country.

Mr. President, Dr. Swan was always firm in principle and gentle in demeanor. He let his actions serve as an example to others in the fight for equality and civil rights. I was a great personal fan of his. I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Swan on his life's many outstanding achievements. •

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, appoints the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Meeting during the First Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Savannah, Georgia, June 25-27, 1999.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate immediately resume consideration of the agriculture appropriations bill.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and I won't object, I had an amendment that I was prepared to offer. Could I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized at 9:30 for the purpose of offering an amendment; if we could get agreement on that perhaps?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I think we would be right back in the position in the morning where we are now on the agriculture appropriations bill. There will be discussions between now and

then to see if there is any other way we could approach this issue. If we do not get something worked out, I believe the Senator would be entitled to get recognition to offer an amendment. I have the impression that it would be difficult for us to do that at this time.

Mr. President, so we can talk this through, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, the distinguished majority leader has responded to my unanimous consent request. He and I have been consulting about how to proceed over the last hour. He has indicated to me that he is working with a number of his colleagues and with staff to attempt to fashion a way with which we might proceed on the Patients' Bill of Rights. He has indicated they will be continuing those discussions tonight.

In the interest of moving that process along and with some hope that we could reach some agreement, I will withdraw my unanimous consent request to be recognized. We will be on the bill, and we will certainly be inclined to be as supportive of reaching agreement as we can. Short of that, we may want to offer additional amendments to the agriculture appropriations bill tomorrow. We will have that discussion at another date.

In the interest of time and comity and accommodation, I will certainly defer any additional request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the majority leader's request is agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair. I thank Senator DASCHLE for that approach. We will be working, and we will talk in a few minutes.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will convene at 9:30 a.m. and immediately resume consideration of the ag-

riculture appropriations bill. It is the hope of the majority leader that the Senate can consider agriculture-related amendments during Wednesday's session of the Senate. All Senators can, therefore, expect rollcall votes throughout the session tomorrow as the Senate makes further progress on the agriculture appropriations bill. Once that is completed, of course, other issues may be considered, but we could consult with both sides of the aisle before we move to the next bill.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, if the majority leader will yield on just another question, today the Summers nomination was reported out of the Finance Committee unanimously. There appears to be very strong bipartisan support. Is there any intention on the part of the majority leader to address that nomination sometime in the near future?

Mr. LOTT. The Finance Committee did report it out today. I did vote, along with everybody else, for the nomination. It will be on the calendar tomorrow.

I had indicated I assumed that before we went out for the Fourth of July recess, which is a week from Friday, that would be taken up. It very well could be taken up before then. But we have not gotten it on the calendar, and we have not made a definite determination as to when we will call it up.

I assume other nominations will be on the calendar tomorrow from other committees, and I hope we have the same approach as we have had this year—including three nominations last week—to move these nominations through pretty quickly after reaching the calendar, barring complications that do sometimes come up, of course.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.